GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LOWERING OF AIR CORRIDOR HEIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Civil Aviation authorities are considering lowering the air-traffic corridor height from 40,000 ft. to 20,000 ft and of the gap between two corridors from 4000 ft. to 2000 ft. to allow increase in air passage and traffic;

(b) if so, whether the new stipulations include enforcement of licence regulations for Air Traffic Controllers;

(c) if so, whether Pakistan has alrady introduced licencing system for ATC as an abundant safety measure;

(d) if so, whether India is likely to follow the suit; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): The International Civil Aviation Organization has introduced Reduced Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM) of 1000feet for aircraft flying between the flight levels of 29000 feet to 41000 feet over the airspace of South East Asia including India. This reduced vertical separation would be able to accomodate more number of aircraft in the airspace.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): No information is available with regard to introduction of licensing system for Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs)in Pakistan.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) : India, being a Member of International Civil AviationOrganisation (ICAO), follows the standards and recommended practices laid down by ICAO.